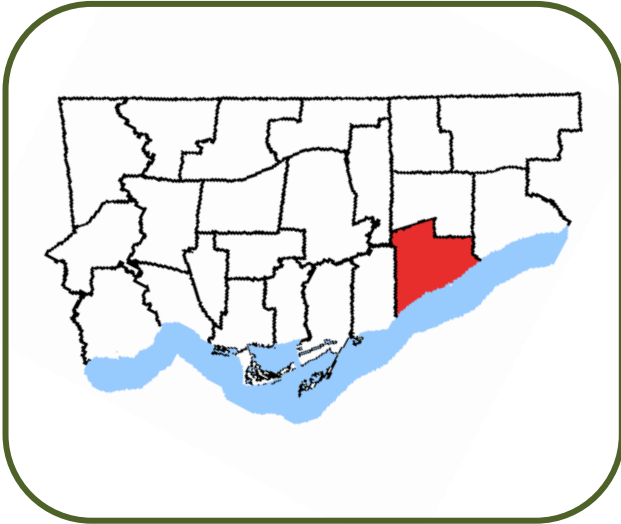


# Scarborough Southwest

## Action on Poverty Profile

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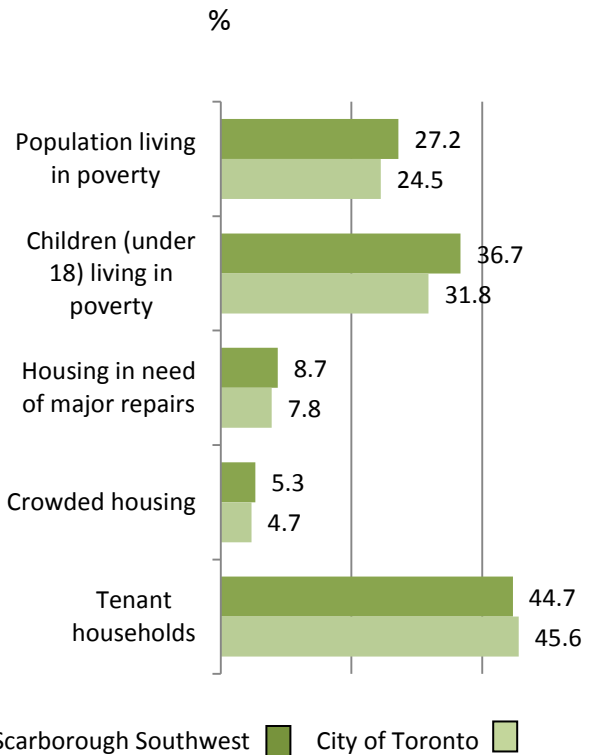


### Story Behind the Stats

Scarborough Southwest lies along the southern perimeter of Toronto and includes Ward 35, most of Ward 36, and some of Ward 37. It is bordered by Victoria Park Avenue, Eglinton Avenue, and Bellamy Road/Ravine.

Newcomers, Aboriginal people, and lone-parent families are those most affected by poverty in this riding. Recent immigrants face social and financial challenges due to language/cultural barriers, few local job opportunities, and limited program and service options. Working families and lone-parents face similar challenges due to a lack of affordable daycare and are increasingly in need of community supports.

### Key Figures



**102,195 people live in Scarborough Southwest**  
**27,435 live in poverty – 27.2%\***

**“Working parents identify us as a ‘best kept secret’ for providing safe, affordable and accessible care to their children. We help children discover and develop their abilities and skills without contributing to families’ financial stress.”**

**Cynthia Dumont**  
**Executive Director**  
**West Scarborough Neighbourhood Community Centre**



The Action on Poverty profile series was created by Social Planning Toronto and the Alliance for a Poverty-Free Toronto. The profile includes Census data from Statistics Canada’s Federal Electoral District Profiles and Community Profiles.

\*For details on calculations and definitions, go to [www.spno.ca](http://www.spno.ca)



# Taking Action in Scarborough Southwest

The after-school program run, by the Boys and Girls Club, is the childcare service of choice for many working families in the area. Over 150 participating children are picked up from their schools by program staff who walk with them to the West Scarborough Neighbourhood Community Centre.

Children of all ages get a snack, participate in sports and recreational activities, receive help with homework, develop skills, and build friendships with their peers. Working parents depend on this service that allows them to continue to work their full shift without worrying about how they will pay the cost of a private child minder.

The program's affordability is especially important for low-income parents who struggle to cover childcare costs. When parents are given access to quality, affordable childcare it means that they don't have to worry about their children and are able to be more productive at work.

[www.wsnc.org/bgcws](http://www.wsnc.org/bgcws)

## Alliance for a Poverty-Free Toronto Takes Action

APT is made up of 40 community members and organizational representatives, including individuals with lived experience of poverty, from across the city. We are working together to develop and promote a comprehensive plan of action to eliminate poverty in Toronto.

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